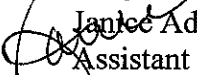




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TO: Washington State Board of Health

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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DELEGATION, CHAPTER 246-290 WAC, GROUP A
WATER SYSTEMS**

The Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water is requesting delegated rule making authority to propose changes to the State Board of Health Group A Public Drinking Water regulation, chapter 246-290 WAC.

The State Municipal Water Law adopted during the 2003 Legislative session directs changes to the department's practices in reviewing water system planning and engineering documents currently outlined in the regulations. The law also directs the department to adopt a new separate rule for water use efficiency which is already underway.

Technical updates are needed to the regulation to ensure consistency with the legislative direction in the Municipal Water Law related to planning and engineering requirements. In addition, Department of Health staff and some of our key stakeholders have recommended other technical/process changes in the State Board of Health regulation to clarify existing practices.

Delegation of State Board of Health rule making authority to the department would allow concurrent development of technical updates and process changes during the Department's Water Use Efficiency rule development, streamlining both the administrative and public process for rule making.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

